

wherein a second side of the guide member facing the base plate is also embodied so as to taper inwards, so that a portion of the guide member situated closest to the cassette is arranged at a predetermined distance from the base plate.

### REMARKS

Entry of this amendment, and reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-10 remain pending herein, claim 1 being amended to clarify the claimed invention.

Applicant has modified the disclosure to conform to the approved changes for Fig. 3 previously filed, so as to identify the reference numeral 20 by name.

### SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS:

(1) Claims 1-2, 7 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Snell (U.S. 6,152,435).

(2) Claims 1-2, 4, and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Engibarov (U.S. 5,060,920).

(3) Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Engibarov and further in view of McConkey (U.S. 5,074,536).

(4) Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Engibarov in further view of Gaither (U.S. 3,626,600).

(5) Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Engibarov in view of Takisawa et. al. (U.S. 6,383,890, hereafter "Takisawa").